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Talk Sup Week 35 Review and Preview

May 22, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that our schools will be **closed** next **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, here is what you missed. Gianna Pesci, from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Morgan Koonce from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their



respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks, as did Mrs. Bloom, who also shared some district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district recognized and honored the 2022-23 Governors Educators of the Year, Magic 98.3 Teachers that Make Magic, and the SEA Education Support Professionals of the Year recipients.



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda, click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum, click [here](#). To see all attachments, click [here](#). To view the video of the meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved a contract with McCabe Environmental Services for clearance air sampling

for the floor replacement project in classrooms 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 at Jesse Selover Elementary School in the amount of \$8,310, to be paid using funds from Preschool Expansion Aid. Likewise, the Board approved a resolution appointing the following 2023-24 Preschool Education Program Providers: Garden Friends on Bordentown, Garden Friends on Main, Kidzland Childcare Center, The Learning Experience, and the Peace Rose Montessori School, and authorized their agreements for Preschool Education Program Services for the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. It also approved the rates for self-insured medical coverage, with and without the vision coverage rider, provided by Horizon for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; self-insured



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prescription coverage provided by CVS/Caremark for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; dental coverage provided by Delta Dental for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and dental coverage provided by Healthplex Dental for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Lastly, the Board of Education awarded the bid for Roofing Replacements at Multiple Schools to Safeway Contracting Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for bids opened on May 9, 2023 in the amount \$6,324,000 for the base bid, alternate bid AB-01 in the amount of -\$462,000, alternate bid AB-02 in the amount of -\$5,000, and alternate bid AB-03 in the amount of \$132,000 for a total bid award of \$5,989,000, to be paid using funds from the Bond Referendum

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the long-term suspension of several students. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved a new Staff Accountant job description. To see it click [here](#). It also abolished Sayreville Board of Education Policy 9100 Public Relations and Regulation 9140 Citizens Advisory Committee. Lastly, the BOE approved new and revised Sayreville Board of Education [Policies](#) and [Regulations](#) for a First Reading. To review them, click on each.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. It also approved the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. In addition, the Board renewed the employment of certificated administrative staff, certificated faculty, and paraprofessionals for the 2023-24 school year. Furthermore, the BOE appointed teachers to work in the 2023 Advanced Placement Summer Boot Camp. Likewise, it appointed faculty to work in the Middle School Credit Completion Summer School on an as-needed basis. Finally, the Board of Education appointed coaches for the summer, fall and winter seasons, as well as advisors with their stipends.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Ms. Pabon reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Pieloch for the last Personnel Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association, as did Mr. Fernandez regarding the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club.

The next meeting will take place at **7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 13th** in the **SUES Board Room**. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on Friday, June 9th. A complete copy of the **May 16th Business Meeting** minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **June 13, 2023**.



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This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate SWMHS graduate of 2015 and recent inductee into the SWMHS Hall of Fame Ernest Holmes, who was recently invited to the White House to meet with President Biden about his work with The Code House, which is an organization that he and his sister Jaycee Holmes, along with Tavis Thompson created to ensure that more students could access the pathways that lead to careers in STEM. In fact, to date, CodeHouse has secured more than \$3 million in funding from leading technology companies like PayPal,

Google, and Microsoft, and has hosted multiple Tech Exposure Days to educate high schoolers across the country about careers in technology. Ernest will also be the keynote speaker during the SWMHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony on June 20th. We also commend the Eisenhower School staff, students, and their families for raising \$1,201 for the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) organization as part of their Penny Wars for POAC fundraiser, which was won by the kindergarteners. Staying with Eisenhower, we congratulate Austin Eamello on being named the Principal for the Day last week. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



This past Saturday, the district held its long-anticipated in-person Job Fair, which was a great success. Thanks to the hard work and meticulous preparation by Dr. Aguiles, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Howard, Supervisor of Professional Development, Ms. Flanagan, Coordinator of Personnel Services, and our Human Resources Department staff, as well as many of our building and district administrators that participated, we interviewed over 100 exceptional candidates for faculty positions, as well as Food Services,

Transportation, Buildings and Grounds, and substitute positions. If you or someone you know missed it, but is still interested in becoming part of the Sayreville Public Schools team, click [here](#) to review and apply for vacancies.



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. Last Tuesday, students in several Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Humanities/Social Studies and English classes were visited by state and local legislators during the annual Legislator Day. If you are unfamiliar with Legislator Day, it is an activity unique to Sayreville that gives our high school students an opportunity to meet their local legislators in order to learn more about state and local government public service and civics. This year, Mr. Esposito, Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. Pieloch, Mrs. Pabon, and Mr. Fernandez from the

Board of Education, as well as Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Conti from the Sayreville Borough Council, participated. However, students were thrilled by the surprise visit by Craig Coughlin, Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, who spoke with students in Ms. Victorero's Advanced Placement English class. We

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commend and thank Mr. Howard, Supervisor of Humanities/Social Studies Instruction, for coordinating this very enriching and formative experience for our students, along with Ms. Victorero and several other teachers at the high school for their willingness to participate.



In addition, last Monday, students from the high school participated in the 2nd annual Mental Health and Wellness Fair where they were able to meet therapy dogs, learn about wellness and coping strategies, participate in hands on activities, and make connections that will assist them with overall wellness. We thank and commend the SWMHS Social and Emotional Learning committee for coordinating this wonderful activity again this year and are



already looking forward to it next year. Likewise, the SWMHS Student Council presented World Cultures Day during lunch periods last week. During this enriching activity students



presented information about their countries, maps, religion, pictures, flags, food, music, and clothing.



Furthermore, students in the Teen Institute of the Garden State (TIGS) club at the high school, which is a club that promotes an alcohol, drug, tobacco, and vaping free lifestyle, had a blast during their end of the year "beach party." Additionally, 9th grade students in Ms. Kuchibhatla science classes built "Roller Coaster Physics" STEAM project with pool noodles, cardboard, and tape. In order for the roller coasters to be functional, the students had to figure out the forces, acceleration, and the potential and kinetic energy acting on a marble going through the roller coaster ride without any obstruction. They even created a loop, a hill, and a turn in their construction. Furthermore, students in Mr. Ganu's, Giorgianni's, and Gliddon's classes had a ball delivering their tee shirt orders. Lastly, students in the junior class



danced the night away during their Junior Prom at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge.

At the middle school, CBS New York Meteorologist John Marshall visited the school to teach 6th graders about the weather and how he produces forecasts on the news. He even gave students the chance to produce their own weather forecasts using his mobile weather studio. Similarly, the Career Club hosted award-



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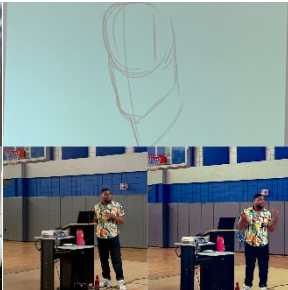
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winning graphic artist, Rashad Malik Davis, the creator of diverse, original, and inclusive



tales. In addition, 8th Grade Talented and Academically Gifted (TAG) students had a great time at Camp Bernie building rafts, stacking crates, and taking sensory awareness hikes. Other middle school and high school students enjoyed a beautiful day watching the Somerset Patriots baseball game, while students in Mr. Provenza's science classes had an historically awesome time making Geologic Time Scale Diorama Projects.

In Project Before, students at the Cheesecake School "struck a pose" as they continued the ABC countdown to summer break with a fantastically fun Fashion Show for the letter F.



Students in Ms. Melissa's class also built homes for their Three Little Pigs. After experimenting with straw, sticks, and bricks, they realized that only the bricks were strong enough to protect the pigs from the Big Bad Wolf. At the Selover School, the School Culture and Climate Committee organized a visit from Mallory, a therapy dog, as well as a collection of pet items for donation to a local animal shelter. At the Arleth School, the Sayreville Emergency Medical Service (EMS) visited to give students



a tour of all their equipment. They actually brought with them six rescue vehicles. Additionally, 3rd grade students learned about citizenship through their study of the branches of the United States Armed Forces in preparation for Armed Forces Day. The students then created beautiful thank you cards for the veterans of American Legion Post 211 in Sayreville. Finally, the staff and leadership team from Leading Edge visited the Bombers Beyond Café to enjoy a great breakfast and hang out with the Brew Crew.



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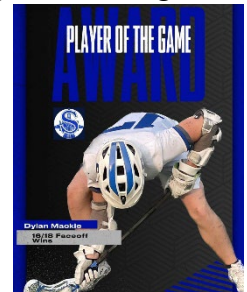


In athletics, the Boys and Girls Middle School Track and Field Teams competed in the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Championships at the Sayreville War Memorial High School last week. The Boys Team finished 2nd overall, racking up 10 total medals including the breaking of the GMC record in the 4x100 meter sprint with an impressive time of 47.08 seconds. The girls finished 6th overall, collecting 10 medals. The SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team improved its record for the season to 9-

7 with a victory over Central Regional High School (HS) last week. In addition, the

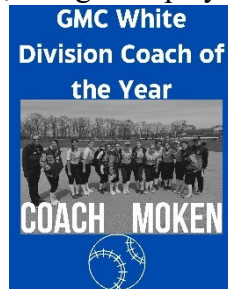


SWMHS Baseball Team defeated Spotswood HS to improve its record to 14-9. We congratulate Aayush Mehta for making the GMC All-Academic Team, and Jake Romanello, Tommy Schlaline and Michael Robinson for being selected to play in the GMC Baseball Coaches Association Underclassmen Showcase Game. Likewise, we congratulate the SWMHS Softball Team for being named the 2023 GMC Sportsmanship Team of the Year, along with players Mya Infante, Rose Joseph, and Caydence

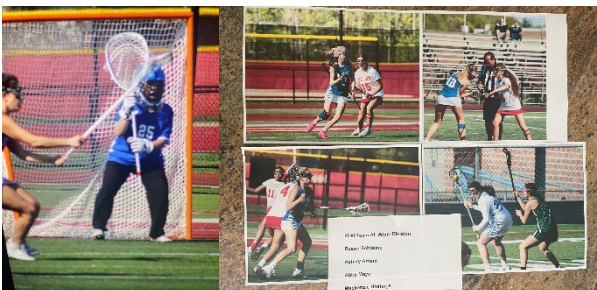


Barton for being selected to the GMC Softball White Division First Team.

Moreover, we commend and congratulate Coach Moken for being selected as the GMC White Division coach of the Year. Finally, we congratulate Ryann Schlaline, Ashley Ament, Mackenzie Hastings, and Abby Mayer from the SWMHS Girls Lacrosse Team for selected for the GMC Girls Lacrosse White Division First Team, as well as Gianna Gittlitz who was named to the Second Team. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to



compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers.



Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules and view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

As per the [2022-23 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, our schools will be **closed** next **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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On January 30, 2023, the district officially opened registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2023**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "[Student Registration](#)". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the [2023-2024 Project Before and Kindergarten](#) drop down menu: [New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten](#) or [Returning Student Enrollment Update for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2023-2024 school year](#).

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Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe